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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

July 23, 2024

Carlo Scissura, Chair
Charter Revision Commission
City Hall
New York, NY 10001

Re: Aligning the Department of Transportation Charter Language with Federal Standards

Dear Chair Scissura,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 23 in favor, 11 opposed, 2 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS, CB8M is concerned that the charter revision process this year is too rushed and has not provided sufficient opportunity for public input; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Transportation seeks to align Charter language with federal standards, to reduce public hearing requirements, to have the ability to issue financial grants with partners, to expand its jurisdiction over sidewalk/roadway cafes, and to streamline the process of adding e-bike charging cabinets on streets; and

WHEREAS, public input on the above items, including through New York City community boards, is essential to quality of life of New York City residents and should not be abridged or curtailed;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB8M opposes the Department of Transportation's Charter revision proposals to align Charter language with federal standards, to reduce public hearing requirements, to have the ability to issue financial grants with partners, to expand its jurisdiction over sidewalk/roadway cafes, and to streamline the process of adding e-bike charging cabinets on streets.

Please advise our office of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York
Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Jerry Nadler, 12th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District
Honorable Edward Gibbs, NYS Assembly Member 68th Assembly District

Honorable Alex Bores, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Diana Ayala, NYC Council Member, 8th Council District